

Small Group Discussion Questions Dillon County

What is occurring in your communities which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- Communities in schools
- Partnership with businesses East, Latta, LV DHS JVM
- Gordon Mentoring Program (Lunch Buddy)
- Partner with the county/city recreation-DHS, Gordon, JVM gyms city soccer field sharing facilities
- Community TV Channel 19
- After school Programs
- Gordon Family Night Slam

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Poverty in Dillon County
- Education is low on their (parents) priority list
- Quality teachers
- Every student cannot be proficient and advanced
- Facilities
- School could offer an incentive for teachers to reach a pre-planned goal
- Student needs
 1. Technology
 2. Remediation
 3. Breaking the cycle(lack of education in the home)
- Education level of parents
- Daytime adult education
 1. transportation
- aging facilities
- teacher retention teacher salaries/pay schedule
- quality of life
- South Carolina interpretation of NCLB

List the five most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground?

- Better facilities
- More business partnerships
- Grant application
- Community leadership group to help with teacher retention and recruitment and to reward good teachers
- Foster pride in our school system
- Get churches involved
- Partner with churches
- Partner with other agencies such as DSS, etc.
- Civic organizations
- Communicate with elected officials
- Communicate with county officials

List the five most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Talk to legislators and school advocates
- School volunteers
- Mentoring programs